

PRESS SECTION TAIL THREADING

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for transferring a tail of a fibrous web through a press section of a  
5 machine for making the fibrous web is disclosed. The apparatus includes a threading  
device positioned between first and second press section transfer devices that is pivotable  
between an inoperable position and an operable position. The threading device includes a  
stationary upper surface defined by a plurality of tubes. The tubes discharge air over the  
upper surface of the threading device to form an air cushion having an underpressure  
10 between the tail of the fibrous web and the threading device. The tail of the web is urged  
by the air cushion to the second transfer device and is threaded thereinto.

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